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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

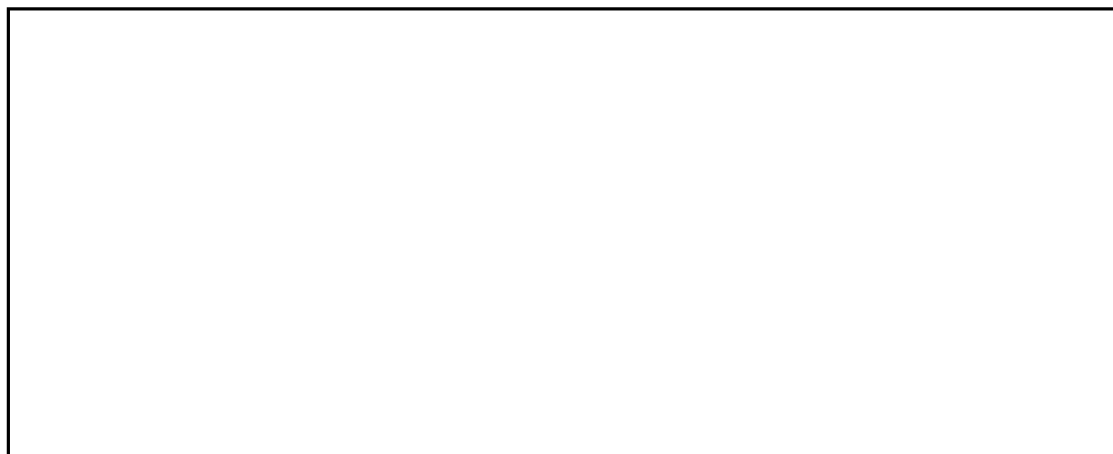
SUBJECT: Retention of Detailed Military Officers at Headquarters Upon Transfer to Enlisted Status

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 5.

2. As a result of personnel reductions currently being made by the military services, a number of officers detailed to the Agency have been notified of the imminent termination of their active military service status. The Military Personnel Division has learned that, because of the large number of separations to be effected, requests for exceptions to the scheduled terminations generally cannot be entertained by the parent military service.

3. The assistance of this Office has been solicited in two cases where these unanticipated losses of detailed military officers will create serious difficulties in maintaining the continuity of the Agency activities with which the officers are associated. These cases are summarized below:

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4. Both officers mentioned in the foregoing paragraph would consent to remain in their Agency assignments as enlisted men, following termination of their active service as officers. [redacted] plans in any case to enlist as a Master Sergeant in order to complete sufficient military tenure to qualify for retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel. There is no question but that both individuals would be better able to discharge the liaison duties of their work as officers. However, both of the Agency offices concerned (OHR and the WE Division) have asked for the retention of these two individuals in their enlisted capacities, if no other solution can be developed.

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Action to grant approval for exception in these two cases is recommended in view of evidence that these officers:

- (a) Are especially well qualified to perform their duties;
- (b) Represent a sizeable investment by the Agency in terms of training and tasks initiated;
- (c) Have made excellent records of progress since their detail to CIA;
- (d) Will continue to make valuable contributions to the Agency programs on which they have been working.

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6. There are attached the requests made by ORR and the WE Division in behalf of [REDACTED] as well as a summary report on each case prepared by the Military Personnel Division.

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Gordon H. Stewart
Director of Personnel

Attachments
As stated

The recommendation in paragraph 5 is approved, with the understanding that this exception is valid only until such time as the individuals concerned complete twenty years of active military service.

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